

# THE THINKING TRAVELLER

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## SERAYNA

After docking at the private jetty, it's just a few steps along the empty sandy beach to the sea gate. There, a path leads through the manicured gardens, offering glimpses of Serayna's handsome façade, burnished by rays of the Grecian sun. The shady bar by the serene infinity pool is the perfect place to stop for a refreshing drink before continuing up to the welcoming and inspiring embrace of this exceptional, fully serviced home.



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### Service

Daily maid service and mid-week linen change, breakfast is cooked if required

### Features

- Breathtaking seafront position
- Stunning panoramic views
- Bright, cosy interiors
- Inviting, comfortable outdoor seating areas
- Garden gate access to a beach and an exclusive jetty
- Captivating 18m-long infinity pool
- Expansive, secluding gardens
- Professional tennis court
- In-villa cook service for two meals a day

### Nearby

- Sandy beaches
- Porto Heli town
- The island of Spetses
- Epidaurus

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### ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

**Inside:** accommodation at Serayna is organised over three floors. The house has the welcoming atmosphere of a well-loved, well-lived-in home. Classically styled, with colonial touches here and there, it has an understated, unostentatious sense of luxury: everything has been thought of to ensure the comfort of guests, and the quality of the bespoke fittings and fixtures is evident throughout. A neutral palette, including white-painted floorboards, provides a discreet backdrop for furniture and features in warm wooden hues and a liberal scattering of colourful artworks.

The main entrance, an impressive wooden door, leads in to a welcoming, comfortably furnished living area divided in two parts, with a sofa and a couple of armchairs to one side, and a pair of sofas gathered round a fireplace to the other. A pair of French windows open out to the sea-view terraces and gardens, and an opening leads into the dining room, which also flows out onto the sea-view terraces. Behind the dining area is the well-equipped country-style kitchen, complete with a large range, central island and access to a vegetable and herb garden.

Back in the living room, a staircase leads down to the lower ground floor, which is home to:

- a double-twin bedroom with en-suite shower room and doors opening out onto a side terrace
- a double with four-poster bed, en-suite shower room and access to the side terraces
- a guest WC

The stairs in the living room also lead up to the split-level first floor, which is home to the remaining accommodation:

- a double bedroom with a private terrace, and a smaller double sharing an en-suite Jack-and-Jill bathroom with walk-in shower and separate tub
- the generously proportioned main double bedroom (up a few more steps) with

en-suite shower room, walk-in wardrobe, a couple of armchairs next to a fireplace, and a large, magnificently panoramic private terrace surveying the gardens, the pool and the sea

**Outside:** Serayna is immersed in extensive, luxuriant and beautifully tended gardens, whose shady pines, whispering olive trees, blooming bougainvillea and aromatic shrubs offer up a feast for the senses. The perimeter is planted with towering cypresses and other mature trees, ensuring privacy, seclusion and tranquillity, and there are numerous spots in which to while away days and evenings and plenty of scope for fun, games and entertainment.

On the sea-facing side of the house, the living and dining rooms open out onto a wide expanse of sea-view terrace, which includes shaded sitting and dining areas. Furnished with high quality, well-cushioned rattan sofas and armchairs, it is finished, like all the terraces and paths, in gorgeous terracotta paving in a herring bone pattern.

To the left of this area (when looking out to sea) is a large expanse of emerald lawn, on the other side of which is a second shaded living terrace, this time with the added bonus of a pull-down cinema screen and projector.

Steps lead down from the al fresco dining area to the gorgeous 18m-long infinity pool, which, like most of the grounds, offers captivating views out to sea. The pool area is served by a large shaded pavilion with built-in seating and a large bar-cum-outdoor kitchen.

More steps, bordered by stone walls and a polychromatic, fragrant array of flowering plants and shrubs, lead down from the pool area, past another large expanse of lawn, and on to the sea gate. From there, just a hop, skip and a jump across a little track, is an idyllic stretch of golden sand, the limpid waters of the Aegean, and the property's jetty. Used by hardly anyone else, the beach is virtually, if not technically, private.

Back up at the house, more al fresco pleasures await. The lower ground floor bedrooms open out onto secluded terraces which link up with those to the front of the house. Similarly, the first double bedroom has its own panoramic terrace looking out over the gardens, the pool and the sea. Befittingly, the main bedroom has the best of all, both in terms of space and views.

Just outside the kitchen is a vegetable and herb garden and then, crossing another terrace, is the fabulous tennis court.

## CONSIDERATIONS

Serayna features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. There is a drop off the infinity side so we recommend children are supervised at all times. Please refer to our **general safety page** if you would like more information about infinity pools.

Please note, that there's a hotel around the headland from Serayna. While being some 150m away, it is partly visible from the grounds of the villa.

Due to the nature of the property including terraces low walls and several drops around the grounds, children must be supervised at all times.

The number of steps that must be negotiated to get into and/or around this property might make it unsuitable for people with mobility problems.

Because of natural changes to the coastline from season to season, the sandy beach in front of this property may not look as it does in the photos.

Please note that due to the risk of wildfires, the use of fire pits and barbecues is restricted when the weather is windy or temperatures are high. This is particularly common in July and August. More information will be provided in your House Guide and via your local specialist.

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### Amenities

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Accommodates (max)                  | 10    |
| Bedrooms                            | 5     |
| Double beds                         | 4     |
| Flexible (double or twin)           | 1     |
| Bathrooms                           | 4     |
| ... of which en suite               | 3     |
| Fully serviced <sup>1</sup>         | ✓     |
| Garden gate beach/sea access        | ✓     |
| Heatable infinity pool <sup>3</sup> | 18x8m |
| Sea views                           | ✓     |
| Boat mooring                        | ✓     |
| Outdoor kitchen                     | ✓     |
| Poolside bar                        | ✓     |
| Outdoor cinema <sup>4</sup>         | ✓     |
| Tennis court                        | ✓     |
| Basketball court                    | ✓     |
| Jetty/dock <sup>5</sup>             | ✓     |
| Daily maid service                  | ✓     |
| Barbecue                            | ✓     |
| Vegetable garden                    | ✓     |
| Bicycles <sup>6</sup>               | ✓     |
| Table tennis                        | ✓     |
| Private parking                     | ✓     |
| VDSL Wi-Fi Internet                 | ✓     |
| Air conditioning                    | ✓     |
| Fireplace                           | ✓     |
| Outdoor sound system                | ✓     |
| Smart TV                            | ✓     |
| Telescope                           | ✓     |
| Hairdryer                           | ✓     |
| Iron                                | ✓     |
| Ice maker                           | ✓     |
| Washing machine                     | ✓     |
| Safe                                | ✓     |
| Staff on the grounds <sup>2</sup>   | ✓     |

Dishwasher



Microwave



**1** including a cook, who will prepare breakfast and either lunch or dinner daily. Please note that the cost of ingredients is not included and should be paid for locally.

**2** the caretakers of Serayna manage the villa throughout the season and stay in a room downstairs past the kitchen. Their discreet presence ensures that guests are able to enjoy the property to the full.

**3** there is an extra charge of €2,650 per week to heat the pool if requested. Please give us at least a week's notice if you would like the pool heated.

**4** wifi-enabled projector screen

**5** there is a private jetty on the secluded beach outside Serayna's garden

**6** two e-bikes are available for clients



= yes/present



= optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Serayna occupies a privileged position on the coastline just south of the upmarket resort of Porto Heli. For many years, the town and its surrounding area (the tip of the easternmost peninsula of the Peloponnese) has been second home to the Athenian aristocracy and Greek shipping magnates, who built sumptuous summer estates there. Today, it attracts the international jet set, from royalty to business tycoons, who come for the sophisticated atmosphere and the sense of hush-hush privacy.

Also known as the Greek Riviera, the peninsula of Porto Heli is lined with gorgeous beaches and lapped by sparkling blue seas. It's a great place for water sports, yachting and island-hopping - the cosmopolitan islands of Spetses and Hydra are just across the water.

Apart from the sandy beach at the bottom of the garden, guests staying at Serayna have numerous other beaches nearby including those of Kosta and Kounoupiou.

Porto Heli, with its promenade of seafront bars and restaurants and its shops, is less than 10 minutes' drive away.

For history lovers, one must-see is the archaeological site of Epidaurus. Its stunning theatre is famed not only for its size and its sensational views, but also for its crystal clear acoustics, and there is much more to see besides.

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Distances

Athens airport: 208km-130miles-2hr45  
(driving) or a 2hr ferry crossing from  
Piraeus to Porto Heli + a 7-minute drive  
Nearest beach: there's an idyllic,  
almost-private sandy beach right at the  
bottom of the garden  
Porto Heli (nearest bars, restaurants,  
shops and amenities): 4.7km-3miles-  
7mins  
The island of Spetses: a 10-minute  
crossing by sea taxi from the jetty  
below the house  
The archaeological site of Epidaurus:  
60km-37miles-1hr5





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